

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 3-24-2025 in the Board Room at the Administration Building at 7:30 p.m. with **President** Teri Spoltman presiding.

The meeting was called to order and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

Members Present: Mona Berning, Karla Butler, Beth Guggenbiller, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman, John Werling

Members Absent: Mike Linton,

Others Present: Sarah Flenar, Beth Gehret, Tori Heck, Rajean Hedrick, Melissa Kaup, Shawn Thieman

Consent Agenda (Attachment):

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a motion from Beth Guggenbiller and a second by Mona Berning. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Human Rights Committee Data—This is just an informational report for the Board prepared by Beth Gehret. There have been no major issues, no emergency reviews this year. We only have three individuals that the Human Rights Committee reviews their ISP's due to behavioral issues.

Continuing Education Request----Sarah Flenar, our Business Director, is going to College (Bowling Green online) for her master's degree. Mercer County Board of DD offers Continuing Education Reimbursement. She could be a Superintendent or Fill in (if needed). The board thought this was a good idea.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Reimburse the Business Director for Continuing Education Tuition

Motion Made by Karla Butler **Seconded by** Dan Muhlenkamp

Motion Carried

ARC Residential Update—We did have one emergency situation where a parent passed away. He was primary provider for his son who has significant disabilities. We were able to place him in the Maria Stein ARC home. We are also going to be purchasing a new duplex off of 703 by Wright State University. Gregg has been working with a local realtor to secure the land. We will collaborate with the contractor to coordinate what is needed in the house. This individual will eventually be moving there. But this will take a few months to get it all completed. We have great staff and families that can handle these emergency situations when they arise.

Superintendent Discussion—

VentureLynx—They are asking for more space. They went to Commissioners---saying they are outgrowing the space on Mud Pike/GBS Building. They have not talked to Shawn yet. They might want to combine Day Services, GBS and Corporate offices. They want that under one roof. They asked the Commissioners if they could use the old Serenity Springs building (on Mud Pike). The commissioners told them they were not interested in giving them that space. If the board members hear anything, please let Shawn know.

Out of County Services---Out of County Residents have started to want services from our County. It started with Special Olympics. Some people from Auglaize County wanted to be part of our Special Olympics. Shawn had no problem with this. Our Residential Services has a great reputation, and some people want to move into our County to access these residential services (ARC Homes). That has not happened yet. We need to have further discussions regarding this. Shawn will be meeting with Auglaize County to discuss options.

Motion was made to adjourn by Dan Muhlenkamp and a second by John Werling. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at 7:30 pm on April 28, 2025